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The reply filed on 7/30/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant states on page 1 "please enter the following amendments" and on page 4 that "applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced in this response" but fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 in that no marked up copy of the claims is present. Applicant is required to state whether the amendment contains amendments to the claims and if so to submit the amendments according to 37 CFR 1.121. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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